

2015 National Youth Science Camp (NYSC) Delegate Application Process

The National Youth Science Camp (NYSC) is a residential science education program that honors and challenges two graduating high school science students from each state. Scientists from across the nation present lectures and hands-on science seminars and linger to interact informally with student delegates. Delegates are challenged to explore new areas in the biological and physical sciences, art, and music with resident staff members. Opportunities are provided for delegates to present seminars covering their own areas of interest and research. A visit to Washington D.C. permits delegates to visit some of the nation's premier scientific, governmental, and cultural facilities. The NYSC experience includes overnight excursions into the Monongahela National Forest featuring backpacking, rock-climbing, caving, mountain biking, and kayaking opportunities. Delegates are required to participate in the camp program for its entirety as the fast-paced activities and remote location make travel to and from the NYSC very difficult. More information is available online at www.nysc.org.

Location of the NYSC

The NYSC will be held at a facility located in the Monongahela National Forest near Bartow in the eastern mountains of West Virginia.

Dates of the NYSC

Delegates **MUST** be able to attend the entire NYSC program. Delegates arrive in Charleston, West Virginia, on **Wednesday, June 17, 2015**, and depart on **Saturday, July 11, 2015**.

Cost

The National Youth Science Camp is offered at **NO COST** to its participants so that selected delegates may attend regardless of their financial status. All educational and recreational programming, as well as meals, lodging, and round-trip air passage on scheduled airlines are provided free of charge to the delegates.

Eligible Applicants

- Must be candidates between 16 and 18 years of age on July 1, 2015;
- Must have strong skills in spoken English;
- Must be eligible for a J1 Visa to enter the United States (if selected, the U.S. Embassy will provide assistance applying for a visa).
- Must demonstrate superior academic proficiency, including recognition in mathematics and/or the sciences;
- Must demonstrate an application of leadership abilities and social maturity through involvement in school and community activities;

- Must demonstrate skills and achievements outside the realm of science and outside the realm of academic pursuits;
- Must demonstrate a curiosity and an eagerness to explore many and varied topics.
- Must intend to pursue higher education and a career in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics-related field; and
- Must be willing and able to participate in the entire National Youth Science Camp program.

Overview of the Application Process

The National Youth Science Camp application is now online! The application is available only in English and must be completed in English. The deadline to apply is March 1, 2015.

- Please go to the NYSC Application Landing Page at <http://apply.nysc.org> using any modern web browser.
- On the NYSC Application Landing Page, please review the application instructions, eligibility requirements, and additional information. Please review the full application process before beginning the application.
- Ecuador uses the *NYSC Common Application*; please register for an account in the application system.

Register for an account with the Common Application

- Click the “Sign Up>>” button on the NYSC Application Landing Page. (<http://apply.nysc.org>). You may, alternatively, create an account using your Facebook, Twitter, or LinkedIn credentials.
- After clicking the “Sign Up>>” button, please enter your full name, E-mail address, password, and time zone.
- After submitting this information, the account is created and an E-mail message is sent to the supplied E-mail address to confirm the registration. You will be directed to “please click on the link in the email to confirm the registration and activate the account.”
- After completing the account registration process, you can log into the system from the NYSC Application Landing Page using your E-mail address and chosen password.

Complete the Common Application

Please review the following list of requirements in order to complete the application. You may log out of the system and return as many times as necessary to complete each of the steps. The current status of each step is indicated on your account page. Completed applications are due

by 11:59 PM EST, MARCH 1, 2015. If you have any questions, please contact horikoshil@state.gov .

The following items will be requested through the online application:

- Complete a form providing additional contact information.
- Complete a form providing contact information for one or two parents or guardians.
- Complete a form providing information about their current school.
- Upload an application letter detailing your qualifications, how you would benefit from the NYSC experience, and your thoughts on the social impacts of science.
- Upload a current resume or curriculum vitae (CV).
- Upload a transcript including standardized test scores whenever possible (TOEFL, SAT).
- Upload a photograph (optional).
- Provide the name and E-mail address of a teacher or research mentor who will provide a letter of support. Deadline for receiving this letter is 11:59PM EST, March 1, 2015.

If and only if all of the required steps are complete, you may press the “Submit Application” button. Once the application is submitted, it is saved in the system and is ready for evaluation.